

Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating distribution of a transaction account card through a distributor, the method comprising the steps of:

issuing ~~[[a]]~~ transaction account ~~card~~ cards in groups to the said distributor, wherein each of the transaction account cards include a different randomized transaction account code associated with a respective transaction account, and a serialized tracking code which conforms to a MICR protocol;

receiving information from the distributor via ~~[[a]]~~ said MICR protocol, wherein said information includes said transaction account codes and said serialized tracking codes which indicate reports the distribution of said transaction account cards that have been distributed by said distributor;

processing said information via a pre-established Travelers Cheque infrastructure; and transmitting said processed information to a non-Travelers Cheque transaction account infrastructure; ~~[[,]]~~ and

approving of said serialized tracking code to enable a purchase of said transaction account card.

~~— wherein said transaction account card is one of a plurality of cards,~~

~~— wherein said plurality of cards are consigned in groups to the distributor.~~

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of activating said distributed transaction account card.

3 - 5 (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein a purchase agreement is associated with said transaction account card and bears indicia of said serialized tracking code first number.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein said indicia of said serialized tracking code first number is embodied in a MICR line visible on said purchase agreement form.

8 - 9 (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[8]] 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ paying said a third party seller a commission for said sale of said transaction account card based on at least a portion of the information received from said third party seller.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising ~~a serial number and an account number, and wherein said activating step further comprises the step of confirming~~ that activation is appropriate by confirming at least one of the following information received from a third party distributor: a purchase location, said ~~serial number~~ serialized tracking code and said ~~account number~~ transaction account code.

12. (Currently Amended) A transaction account distribution device for facilitating the distribution of [[a]] transaction account cards by a distributor, said transaction account distribution device configured to comprising:

~~a card, wherein said card is also associated with a first number that is configured for communication in via a MICR protocol; and~~

~~—— a purchase agreement form configured to bear a MICR line configured to be machine readable for conveying said first number to a computer system;~~

~~—— wherein said first number is associated with a pre-established Travelers Cheque identifier;~~

~~—— wherein said pre-established Travelers Cheque identifier is further associated with an identifier of a non-Travelers Cheque transaction account infrastructure.~~

facilitate issuing transaction account cards in groups to said distributor, wherein each of the transaction account cards include a different randomized transaction account code associated with a respective transaction account, and a serialized tracking code which conforms to a MICR protocol;

receive information from the distributor via said MICR protocol, wherein said information includes said transaction account codes and said serialized tracking codes which indicate said transaction account cards that have been distributed by said distributor;
process said information via a pre-established Travelers Cheque infrastructure;
transmit said processed information to a non-Travelers Cheque transaction account infrastructure; and
receiving approval of said serialized tracking code to enable a purchase of said transaction account card.

13- 16 (cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating distribution of a transaction account through a third party distributor comprising:

~~a transaction account issuing system configured to issue a plurality of transaction accounts to a distributor;~~
~~— a distributor system configured to distribute cards associated with the transaction accounts and to communicate with the transaction account issuing system via a MICR protocol;~~
~~— wherein said communication provides information relating to the distribution of the transaction accounts via said cards, and~~
~~— wherein said transaction accounts are associated with pre-established Travelers Cheque identifiers;~~
~~— wherein said pre-established Travelers Cheque identifiers are further associated with respective identifiers of a non-Travelers Cheque transaction account infrastructure.~~
a network interface communicating with a memory;
said memory communicating with a processor; and
said processor, when executing a computer program, is configured to perform a method comprising:

facilitating issuing transaction account cards in groups to said distributor, wherein each of the transaction account cards include a different randomized transaction account code associated with a respective transaction account, and a serialized tracking code which conforms to a MICR protocol;

receiving information from the distributor via said MICR protocol, wherein said information includes said transaction account codes and said serialized tracking codes which indicate said transaction account cards that have been distributed by said distributor;

processing said information via a pre-established Travelers Cheque infrastructure;
transmitting said processed information to a non-Travelers Cheque transaction account infrastructure; and

transmitting approval of said serialized tracking code to enable a purchase of said transaction account card.

18 - 21 (cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) ~~A method for facilitating distribution of a transaction account through a distributor, the method comprising the steps of:~~

~~—— consigning a plurality of transaction accounts from an issuer to a distributor;~~
~~—— associating the transaction accounts with cards;~~
~~—— transmitting information from the distributor to the issuer, and processing said information via a Travelers Cheque infrastructure; and~~
~~—— transmitting said processed information to a non-Travelers Cheque transaction account infrastructure;~~
~~—— wherein said information reports the distribution of said transaction accounts by distribution of said cards.~~

A tangible computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of computer-executable instructions that, if executed by a computing device, cause said computing device to perform operations comprising:

—— facilitating issuing transaction account cards in groups to said distributor, wherein each of the transaction account cards include a different randomized transaction account code associated with a respective transaction account, and a serialized tracking code which conforms to a MICR protocol;

receiving information from the distributor via said MICR protocol, wherein said
information includes said transaction account codes and said serialized tracking codes which
indicate said transaction account cards that have been distributed by said distributor;
processing said information via a pre-established Travelers Cheque infrastructure;
transmitting said processed information to a non-Travelers Cheque transaction account
infrastructure; and
approving of said serialized tracking code to enable a purchase of said transaction
account card.

23. (cancelled)